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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONGRESS PARTY ACTIVITIES IN NEPAL

REF: KATHMANDU 5199

1. HOME MINISTRY DECEMBER 21 SURFACED ARMY ACTION AGAINST ARMED "ANTI-NATIONALIST FORCES" IN OKHALDHUNGA DISTRICT (REFTEL) AND ANNOUNCED THAT 16 INSURGENTS HAD BEEN KILLED IN CLASH DECEMBER 16.

2. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN HMG SECURITY FORCES HAD TRAILED GROUP SHORTLY AFTER THEY ENTERED NEPAL, INTERCEPTING THEM NEAR VILLAGE OF SALLERI NORTH OF OKHALDHUNGA. AMONG THOSE REPORTED KILLED IN FIREFIGHT WERE MAHESH KOIRALA, RAM UPADHYAYA AND LAXMAN UPADHYAYA. LEADER OF THE GROUP IS SAID TO BE ONE CAPTAIN YAGYA BAHADUR THAPA WHO WAS CAPTURED AFTER HAVING BEEN WOUNDED. THAPA IS IMPLICATED IN BIRATNAGAR GRENADE INCIDENT IN MARCH AND A WARRANT HAD EARLIER BEEN ISSUED FOR HIS ARREST.

3. IN UNRELATED INCIDENT PRESS CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT DECEMBER 21 THAT RISHIKESH SHAH, ARRESTED LAST WEEK UNDER SECURITY ACT, HAD BEEN RELEASED BUT WOULD HAVE TO KEEP SECURITY FORCES INFORMED OF HIS WHEREABOUTS.

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4. COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD FROM ONE SOURCE THAT AT LEAST

SEVEN OF THOSE REPORTED KILLED IN FIGHTING WERE SUMMARILY  
EXECUTED BY ARMY UNITS AFTER CAPTURE. IT IS STILL  
UNCLEAR HOW MANY MEN ARE STILL AT LARGE. FONSEC KHATRI  
TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 22 THAT "ONCE RINGLEADERS HAVE BEEN  
KILLED IT WILL BE EASY JOB TO HANDLE REMAINDER". SAME  
OFFICIAL SPECULATED THAT OKHALDHUNGA INCIDENT IS A SIGN  
OF CONGRESS PARTY WEAKNESS AND THAT "THIS LAST DESPERATE  
ACT WILL BREAK THE BACK" OF CONGRESS PARTY EXILES. WHILE  
WE THINK THIS IS OVERLY OPTIMISTIC ASSESSMENT, QUICK  
ACTION BY ARMY AND POLICE UNITS MAY GIVE CONGRESS PARTY  
PAUSE BEFORE PLANNING ANY FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE  
IN FORCE.  
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